

Seventh Annual
LEADERSHIP BUFFALO
VALUES AWARDS
Service • Diversity • Inclusion • Openness to Change

Seventh Annual Values Awards Luncheon

Chair Donna DeCarolis LB '95

Co-Chair Brian Murphy LB '08

Thursday, April 29th, 2010

Hyatt Regency Buffalo

SERVICE AWARD

Ronald Talboys LB '89



Ronald Talboys, President of Habitat for Humanity in Buffalo, has continued to provide Western New York families with the opportunity to become new home owners for the past 25 years. Mr. Talboys worked as a mechanical engineer for General Motors in Tonawanda for 35 years before retiring in 1994. In 1985, a group of 25 people responded to a call by Dr. Ralph Loew, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, seeking interested people to start a Habitat affiliate in Buffalo. Mr. Talboys and his wife, Margaret, responded and helped found the Buffalo affiliate. He has served as President for 24 years and Margaret as secretary to the Board. After retirement Mr. Talboys learned the techniques for installing heating systems in new and rehab projects. The systems are gas fired forced air. This has now become his mid-week job. Mr. Talboys has said that "Habitat for Humanity has been a wonderful way to put my Christian beliefs into practice and be involved jointly with my wife. Habitat Buffalo is currently doing 15 houses a year. We have completed 200 houses in 24 years."

DIVERSITY AWARD

Mary Harley Gresham, LB '95



Mary Harley Gresham, Ph.D., is dean of the Graduate School of Education at the State University of New York at Buffalo, recognized as one of the top schools of education in the nation among public universities. Dr. Gresham has focused on promoting p-16 partnerships, and on encouraging research that responds to critical issues in education. She continues to support a national and international presence for GSE, and is regularly invited to speak about counseling, leadership, and diversity. A psychotherapist, with expertise in multicultural issues, she is an active participant in an array of community activities and boards, and is currently Board Chair for the National Federation for Just Communities of Western New York, Inc. A recipient of the 2009 William Evans/Whitney Young Humanitarian Award from the Buffalo Urban League, she earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and psychology and a doctorate in counseling psychology, all from UB.

INCLUSION AWARD

Gerry Murak, LB '97



Gerry Murak, MS, MBA, PHR, is the founder of Murak & Associates, LLC. His management consulting firm has improved the outcomes of countless businesses since 1991, including Fortune 500 and Western New York corporations, nonprofit organizations, foundations and family businesses from across the U.S. and Canada. Mr. Murak firmly lives his life by his firm's Code of Conduct: *"We will make every attempt to leave our community better than we found it."* On an annual basis, Murak & Associates, LLC makes it a point to turnaround the performance of a non-profit and/or a minority-owned business with no fees. Mr. Murak has been honored as a past recipient of the JC Penney Golden Rule Award and the Buffalo Niagara Business Ethics Award. Mr. Murak has also been an Adjunct Faculty for the UB School of Management in Buffalo and in China, Cornell University ILR, Canisius College, Daemen College and Hilbert College. He has also authored the book *"Our Fathers Who Art in Heaven – and What They Continue to Teach Us,"* a leadership and life lessons book.

OPENNESS TO CHANGE AWARD

The Honorable Judge
Robert Russell, Jr.



Judge Robert Russell, an Associate Judge for Buffalo City Court and Acting Erie County Court Judge, has worked toward providing alternative treatment courts for various cases that deserve more attention. In Jan. 2008, he created and began presiding over this country's first Veterans' Treatment Court, in collaboration with the Western New York Health Care Network and the Western New York Veterans Project. Prior to this project he created Buffalo's Drug Treatment Court in Dec. 1995, and Buffalo's Mental Health Treatment Court in Dec. 2002.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill awarded Judge Russell the "Nancy D. Smith Memoriam Award," and the Erie County Bar Association Awarded Judge Russell the "Award of Merit." The New York State Bar Association recognized Judge Russell with the "Award for Outstanding Judicial Contribution." Judge Russell is a graduate of Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C.

LEADERSHIP IMPACT AWARD



The Martin House Restoration Corporation,

a not-for-profit organization whose mandate is to restore the Martin House Complex and operate the site as a historic house museum, continues to redevelop this architectural treasure as an international point of pride for Western New York. The multi-phased, \$50 million restoration project has been actively proceeding since 1997.

To date, four major restoration phases have been completed. Last year, the Eleanor and Wilson Greatbatch Pavilion, a visitor interpretive center designed by Architect Toshiko Mori, opened to international acclaim for its technical and artistic merits. America's most esteemed architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, designed the complex of six inter-related buildings and landscape between 1903 and 1905 for wealthy Buffalo businessman, Darwin D. Martin.

The Martin House, a National Historic Landmark, is Frank Lloyd Wright's most important early-career residential work and an important, strong economic development project for Western New York.



Leadership Buffalo is proud to recognize
outstanding community members
whose leadership style reflects one of
our organization's four core values.

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Registration: 11:30 a.m. — Program Begins: 12:00 p.m.

\$75 Per Person

\$600 Table of Eight

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Vegetarian meals available upon request.



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